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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On December 18, 2000, the Examiner mailed a notice to comply with the requirements applicable to patent applications containing Nucleotide and Amino Acid sequence disclosures. The notice set a one-month reply period. Therefore, this response is timely filed. If Applicants are mistaken, however, the Examiner is authorized to charge the Lyon & Lyon Deposit Account 12-2475 for any fees, including any fees for the extension of time.

The notice states that the Nucleotide and Amino Acid sequence information that appears in Figure 3 does not have sequence identifiers. Applicants believe that the Examiner was referring to the Nucleotide and Amino Acid sequence information in Fig. 2B which lacks sequence identifiers. As such, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please add sequence identifiers (SEQ ID NO. 1, SEQ. ID. NO. 2, SEQ. ID. NO. 3, and SEQ. ID. NO. 4) in FIG. 2B as shown on the enclosed copy of FIG. 2B marked in red ink.

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